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1. [] called on Mr. Green to discuss the recent Sino-U.S. ambassadorial meeting in Warsaw and discuss the situation in Southeast Asia. Mr. Green characterized the Warsaw meeting in very general terms, explaining that, by mutual agreement with the Chinese, the contents of the talks are confidential.

2. After a few general questions on Chirep and Sino-Soviet relations, the discussion moved on to the situation in Laos and Viet-Nam. Mr. Green discussed the U.S. position at some length, explaining the U.S. Government's attitude on disclosure of military actions in Laos which, despite the North Vietnamese presence, might result in embarrassment for Souvanna Phouma, the Geneva Co-Chairmen and the ICC, not to mention the Soviet Union which has been able to maintain reasonably good working relations with the RLG. There is

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no problem of a lack of information, Mr. Green said, since the war is being covered extensively by the press. He also pointed out that Congress has been thoroughly briefed and noted that the Symington Committee had been given a week of classified briefings on the subject. Turning to Viet-Nam, Mr. Green noted that the Vietnamization program was beginning to have an effect and South Viet-Nam is stronger today as a result.

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